

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1019

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bessie Lorene Baker Brewer on the celebration of her 102nd birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Bessie Lorene Baker Brewer will celebrate her 102nd birthday on September 11, 2016, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Charlie and Elsie Baker, Lorene Brewer was born in Clifton on September 11, 1914; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Frank Hughes School in 1932 and continued her education at Martin College with the intention of working as a secretary. Heeding her mother's advice, she changed her mind and instead focused on a career in teaching; and

WHEREAS, Lorene Brewer began her teaching career in rural schools in Wayne County, where she was the only instructor for students of all ages. She was then transferred to Waynesboro Middle School where she taught eighth-grade English for several years, at one point under the leadership of her husband as principal. Mrs. Brewer retired from teaching in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1935, while still attending Martin College, Lorene Brewer was joined in marriage with Carmack Brewer, and the couple enjoyed fifty-four years of wedded bliss until his passing in 1989. The couple's blessed union produced five children, Shirley Brewer Curry, Barbara Brewer Davis, Linda Brewer Lay, Ricky Brewer, and Mark Brewer; and

WHEREAS, as Lorene Brewer continues in her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society. She lives alone, mows her lawn, and drives to worship services at Waynesboro Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Bessie Lorene Baker Brewer on the celebration of her 102nd birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.